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Rocks News

Rocks, Nov. 28.- A few farmers were killing hogs last week. Others are busy doing their fall plowing.

Herbert Goin killed a fine turkey last week.

Hudson Dickerson, of Brookneal, and Rev. R. T. Smith, of Bedford were hunting in the neighborhood Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and Danny accompanied them and spent the day with Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children.

Quite a few from the neighborhood attended the funeral of Mrs. L. W. Carter at Appomattox Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter, Annette, of Norfolk spent last week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Winston Ranson ame near getting badly hurt last week, when he was caught in a belt at the saw mill.

Jesse Anderson, of Kansas City, arrived Saturday for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

Mrs. Jesse Anderson is in Bristol, Tenn., with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Ranson, who was operated on last Monday.

R. L. Jennings entered Baptist Hospital last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Edward Ranson continues very sick.

James Taylor returned from Honaker last week.

Louise Ranson celebrated her birthday last Thursday.

Robert Roach was sawing wood for G. T. Marsh Thursday.

The following had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Thanksgiving (Thursday): Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wooldridge and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter, Mrs. Eugene Davis and Preston, Misses Patty and Mary Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Layne and Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder, Mr. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach, Johnny Stanley and Sandra Roach, Whit Woodall and Cassie Baldwin.

Mrs. D. E. Inge spent Saturday night in Lynchburg.

Miss [illegible] spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Orange.

A number from Rocks went to Hollywood Sunday night to hear Rev. Cecil Carter's last sermon on the field.

Smaller Cars Not Expected To Be too Tiny, or Cheap

DETROIT, MICH.—Many people, according to the automobile makers, are going to be surprised by the so-called smaller, cheaper cars that a couple of established makers are going to bring out.

When the word gets around about such cars there is a tendency to think of cars a good bit smaller than the conventional type, and a great deal cheaper.

The makers involved have kept publicly mum on their cars, which may be a good idea from the standpoint of causing more speculation and stimulating more interest. On the other hand, when speculation goes too far there is a good chance that the public will be disappointed because it won't get what it expects, and the makers might be hurt as a result of that.

The word from the automobile capital is: Don't look for real "wee, little" cars and don't expect any whopping price cuts.

Wisconsin Man Is Owner Of 13,000 'Wishbones'

BUTTE DES MORTS, WIS.—If there's anything to an ancient custom, a local man is potentially one of the luckiest men on earth.

He is Paul Gray, who collects wishbones. At latest count he had about 13,000 of them.

The custom of snapping wishbones, historians report, is an ancient one. As early as 322 B.C. the Etruscans had a "hen oracle." A special god was called upon to grant favors and the collarbone of a fowl was placed on an altar in the sun as an offering to the god. From this the practice of snapping wishbones is believed to have originated.

Gray is a painter and paperhanger by trade. He started his wishbone collection some 13 years ago when he lived at Oshkosh. "For no good reason at all," he says, he started throwing wishbones of dinner fowl in a box. Friends and relatives sent him more and, before long, his collection was really underway.

Defense handed a set back in the Bridges trial.

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also: Joan Fontaine and Burt Lancaster in
"KISS THE BLOOD OFF YOUR HANDS"

Monday, Tuesday, December 5, 6
Randolph Scott in (Technicolor)
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Wednesday, Thursday, December 7, 8
Esther Williams in (Technicolor)
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS
By Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman
SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 8:8-13; 23:
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 7:

Prophets False & True

Lesson for December 4, 1949

[illegible]OD is neither silent nor dead. [illegible]e has his spokesmen today. [illegible]ear myriads of voices—preachers, editors, columnists, [illegible]ers and politicians, all professing [illegible]ell us the truth.

[illegible]s man claims [illegible]speak in the [illegible]e of truth, is [illegible]ny way by [illegible]ich it is a claim [illegible]d problem. [illegible]lear back in [illegible] times every [illegible]ophet had his [illegible]t he false [illegible]ophets. The false [illegible]ere far more numerous, they [illegible]ad immense prestige and [illegible]overnment subsidies besides. How [illegible]s the common man to tell the [illegible]ue prophets from the false?

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[illegible]ction of Man or [illegible]ord of God?

[illegible]HE DIFFERENCE between the [illegible]e true and false prophets, of [illegible]urse, was that the false ones [illegible]ased out their own ideas, while [illegible]e true ones gave voice to the [illegible]ss of God. Some of the false [illegible]ophets even dug down into what [illegible]e now call the subconscious, and [illegible]old their dreams as if they meant [illegible]something.

The false prophets of our own [illegible]mes are still the people who draw [illegible]n their own minds, even on their [illegible]ay-dreams, to furnish messages [illegible]or the people. The gypsy dreamers [illegible]inks are still with us. Astrologers [illegible]flourish, and not always on the side [illegible]ests. All sorts of queer cults [illegible]profess to tell us what is coming [illegible]ext and what we ought to do.

Before we take a modern "prophet" seriously we should ask: Is what he is saying his own idea or God's idea? In this 20th century after Christ, it should be easier to know God's ideas are than it was 27 centuries ago in Jeremiah's time.

For now that Christ has come, we can safely check all the self-styled prophets with the message and the mind of Christ.

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[illegible]s the voice of the people [illegible]he voice of God?

[illegible]HE FALSE PROPHETS were [illegible]always popular, the true ones seldom. Mere unpopularity does not [illegible]prove a man a true prophet; but [illegible]you may be sure that if a man [illegible]says only what people like to hear, [illegible]always tickling the ears and feeding [illegible]the pride of his listeners, he is [illegible]no true spokesman for God.

Not that the true prophet is always insulting his hearers. The Lord's prophets often speak comforting and welcome words, to be sure. But a steady outpouring of soothing-syrup is not what we would expect from a genuine prophet.

Man is often most proud when [illegible]he is most wrong; and then God has [illegible]to sweep the man down. Don't take [illegible]too seriously the men who merely [illegible]reinforce your prejudices and shore [illegible]up your pride; they are more likely [illegible]false prophets than true. The voice [illegible]of the people is not always the will [illegible]of God.

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[illegible]Time is the Test

That great prophet Moses (Deut. [illegible]18) had already given a practical [illegible]test of a true prophet: Does what [illegible]he says turn out to be true? Can he [illegible]easily see into tomorrow? Alas, we [illegible]may have to wait until tomorrow [illegible]to find out for sure; but tomorrow [illegible]always comes, and when it comes, [illegible]the prophets of today will be shown [illegible]up for what they are, true or false. [illegible]Time is the test. Not, Is it likely?

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[illegible]Truth and Right are Twins

[illegible]PERHAPS the worst feature of [illegible]the false prophets who were [illegible]Jeremiah's competitors was their [illegible]moral immorality. "Their course is [illegible]evil and their might is not right," [illegible]he said (23:10, American translation). "They commit adultery and [illegible]walk in lies, they strengthen the [illegible]hands of evildoers so that no one [illegible]turns from his evil ways" (v. 14).

God's spokesman can never also speak for the enemies of God. Whenever you hear anyone talking as if we could now get "beyond good and evil," or as if the Ten Commandments were something we had outgrown, then you may know you are listening to a false prophet.

There are no new commandments but the one which sums up all of them: Love one another. Prophets of hate, prophets of dissension, of lust, these may be speaking for themselves or for the devil —but not for God.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 28.- We are so sorry to hear that Mrs. Irby Wheeler is ill and in a Lynchburg Hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. O. R. Turnes has been on the sick list. We are glad that she is better and out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith and son, David, and Miss Jean Howerton, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Davidson and children, and Jessie Davidson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Alex Cyrus celebrated his birthday last Saturday. We wish him many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chat Chatman and children, of Farmville spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Miss Elsie Thornhill, of Madison College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Russell and son, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Some of the farmers are in Lynchburg today selling tobacco.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 29.- Mrs. John W. Gunter, Mrs. Preston Coleman,Charles Carter and Don Thornhill attended the R. A. Rally held in Lynchburg at the Rivermont Baptist Church November 18.

Mrs. Sam Thornhill has received word that her nephew, Howard Garbee, who was in an automobile accident some time ago and underwent an operation at the Charlottesville Hospital, is much improved and has been moved to a hospital in Portsmouth.

Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr., Gloria Ann and J. C. Lewis spent several days last week with relatives in Mathews.

Ernest Mann, of Washington, spent last week with his mother, Mrs. John Mann, Sr. Others visiting in this home Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and daughter.

Mrs. Homer Reynolds has been added to the list of room mothers at the Vera school.

Alice Faye Thornhill is back at school after being sick for the past week.

J. W. Thornhill, of Abingdon, spent several days last week with his father, W. W. Thornhill. Visiting in the same home is Effie Spiggle, of Richmond.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner spent several days last week with relatives in Portsmouth.

SMALL GRAIN TESTS UNDERWAY

Ten new varieties are being treated for the first time in this season's winter small grain tests conducted by the Virginia Experiment Station.

The tests, which will form the basis for the 1950 recommended varieties, are conducted at Accomac, Williamsburg, Petersburg, Charlotte Court House, Orange, Staunton, Fisherville, Blacksburg, Jonesville, Elk Creek, and Montevey. A total of 38 varieties are being tried.

Newcomers in wheat tests include Trumbull - Frondoso Y2375, Leapland - Fronteria Y2652, and two South Carolina varieties.

Entered in the winter oats tests for the first time are Foligrain No. 3, Full-bright, Victorgrain 48-93, and two unnamed experimentals.

The only newcomer in the barley tests is Kentucky CC-10-43.

Edward S. Skulkcum, in charge of the testing program, says that all the recommended varieties from the 1949 list are included in the tests. Making up the rest of the total are varieties undergoing tests for the first time, and varieties which have been included for a year or more, but which have neither qualified for the recommended list nor been dropped as poor prospects.

BEDFORD AGENT WINS RECOGNITION

Mrs. Lela Calfee Atkinson, home demonstration agent in Bedford County for 17 years, was recognized for outstanding service at the national Home Demonstration Agents Association meeting in Chicago November 30.

Forty-eight agents from 31 states and Puerto Rico received the recognition.

Miss Maude Wallace, assistant director of the Extension Service at V. P. I., explains that the agents were selected by a state recognition committee, and their applications sent to the national committee for approval.

Mrs. Atkinson now has 20 home demonstration clubs in Bedford with 450 members and 16 4-H Clubs with 350 members.

Officials report that since Mrs. Atkinson has been in Bedford, she, with other leaders, has obtained a club room in the court house for recreation and club meetings, a demonstration kitchen for county Extension clubs, and has been instrumental in organizing a county chorus.

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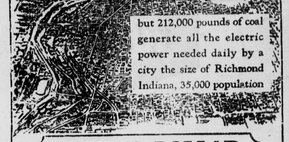

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